



Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

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Potential Transit Strike Threatens Glendale East/West Bus Routes. Due to the breakdown of contract negotiations with one of the city of Phoenix transit service operators, Veolia, on its union collective bargaining agreements, some city of Glendale bus services may be impacted.

Glendale contracts most of its transit bus service with the city of Phoenix through an annual intergovernmental agreement. Other Valley cities are impacted by the potential strike as well, including Scottsdale, Peoria and Sun City.

The agreements are set to expire on Sunday, July 25. If an agreement is not reached, there is a potential for a strike beginning Monday, July 26, at which point bus service for 11 of Glendale's 14 fixed routes will discontinue on a temporary basis due to these unforeseen circumstances.

These 11 potential bus routes are primarily the east/west routes and are as follows:

- Route 50 – Camelback Road
- Route 60 – Bethany Home Road
- Route 70 – Glendale Avenue
- Route 80 – Northern Avenue
- Route 90 – Olive Avenue
- Route 106 – Peoria Avenue
- Route 122 – Cactus Avenue
- Route 138 – Thunderbird Road
- Route 170 – Bell Road
- Route 186 – Union Hills Road
- Express Route 581 – from 59th and Thunderbird Road

Bus routes not affected include north/south routes in the city, including those along 67th, 59th, 51st and 43rd avenues; in addition, routes not impacted include route numbers 573 (Loop 303) and 575 (Loop 101), 570 (Northern) and the Grand Avenue Limited.

Residents without alternative transportation are encouraged to carpool or vanpool. Additional information can be found online at www.glendaleaz.com/bus.

Glendale will continue to provide the utmost customer service with its in-house transit services, including its neighborhood circulator, the Gus Bus and its Dial-a-Ride. For more information on transit services, visit www.glendaleaz.com/transit or call (623) 930-3500.

Glendale University 101. Applications for the fall 2010 semester of Glendale University (GU) "101" are now being accepted. This free educational program is open to Glendale residents who are 16 or older and want to learn more about the operations of municipal government. GU classes will be on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The 10-session course begins on August 18 and ends October 28, 2010. In order to graduate from the course, students must attend at least eight of the ten classes. Each class highlights key functions of the city including, but not limited to finance, library, police and fire services. Most classes will be held at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown St.

Early registration is encouraged as only a limited number of seats are available. Registrations for Glendale University 101 are due by August 13, 2010.

GU101 graduates are eligible to continue learning about the city of Glendale by taking additional classes through the GU Graduate program. Look for information on these graduate classes in this newsletter or online.

For more information or to register, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2868.



Glendale Public Library's Invisible Collection. The fastest growing part of Glendale Public Library's vast collection cannot be put on a shelf, stuffed into a book bag, or even held in two hands. In fact, over 26,000 of the titles available for checkout at the library do not even take up any space.

That is because this expanding collection is composed of items in electronic format, sometimes referred to as digital media, including ebooks and audio books.

Ebooks are books that are read on the screen of a computer and audio ebooks are books that are listened to using an audio player like an iPod, MP3 player or saved to a CD. They are easily downloaded from the library's website and are stored on the hard drive of the user's personal computer at home. Ebooks can also be downloaded inside the library onto the user's personal laptop computer using the library's wireless Internet connection.

Titles include fiction and non-fiction, bestsellers and technical manuals, books for teens and children, as well as music downloads from classical to alternative.

Electronic materials from the Greater Phoenix Digital Library just take a couple of minutes to download. All that is needed is a library card number and a PIN, which is the last four digits of their telephone number.

For an online tutorial and to see the wide range of titles available, [click here](#).

For further information about ebooks or other materials at the library call (623) 930-3530 or visit the reference desk at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street in Glendale.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Reel Talk Film Series. Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003), starring Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightly will play at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 24 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Authors @ the Teague. Bestselling urban fantasy novelist Carrie Vaughn will discuss and sign the eighth entry in her Kitty Norville werewolf series, "Kitty Goes to War," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, please call (623) 930-3439.

The Business Forum Offers Tips on Learning to Read Your Customers Face and Body Language. Business networking is always fun and productive when The Business Forum meets on Wednesday, August 4 in the large meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The free event is from 5:30-7:15 p.m. This month executive search recruiter Julie Carr Theroux will present "Your Customer's Face and Body Language Speaks Louder than Their Words." Well-known businesswoman Joan Howard is facilitating The Business Forum. Contact her at (602) 725-3246 for more information about the program or to RSVP.

Stop In for Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 12:15-3:45 p.m. on Saturday, August 7 in the small meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) can advise on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call (602) 745-7250.

Upcoming Election Information. The next city of Glendale election will be a primary held on August 24, 2010. [Read more.](#)

Teddy Bear Day. Celebrate Teddy Bear Day with your beary best friend from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 11 in Historic Downtown Glendale, 58th & Glendale Avenues. Great deals, cool treats and furry fun are in store. Start your day at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up your free gift bag filled with downtown discounts and an event map. The Visitor Center is located at 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140. A teddy bear drive to benefit the Glendale Fire Department's Trauma Teddy Program will also take place. For more information, call (623) 930-4500.

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